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In future issues, as space permits: Details on the high-strangeness cases of 1980; catching up on books; psychic analysis of the mutilation problem; updating the international picture.

In this issue: A catalog of 1980 mutilation events, and procedures for the proper sampling of a potentially-mutilated carcass.

1980 -

The Mutilations Continued

As a sustained phenomenon, the classic animal mutilations have been with us for 8 years now. No flash-in-the-pan, no fluke - even if no more occur from this moment on. We've seen, in the 1970's, the birth of a new phenomenon, whatever's behind it, for whatever the reason. That is not to say that isolated accounts of apparent mutilations haven't surfaced in the past. They have, of course, and they may or may not be related to what is going on now. As a concerted, consistent phenomenon, what we have termed the "classic mutilations" burst forth with alacrity in the 1970's.

One study in New Mexico found that, before this modern era, the history of the livestock and agricultural industries in that state revealed no evidence indicating that "today's" mutilations have occurred in the past. We realize that many of our fellow researchers have contended that "mutes" are nothing new. What we are saying is that, while even the element(s) of mute-causation may have been around for a while, it was in the Seventies that this business began to occur with intensity. And it will be intriguing, will it not, to see what the future holds?

Whatever its history or non-history, it is here-and-now. In 1980, actually, it was typically here-and-there as, for the most part, accounts were scattered throughout several states and provinces with no major outbreaks in any given area (although a few areas - such as northern Colorado or Canada - could be tentatively offered as exceptions). The problem remains, as always, that with the often "silent-siege" nature of the phenomenon, it is difficult to determine the true intensity of the occurrences in any region.

Nevertheless, it will be noted that things were anything but uneventful in 1980. In our report which follows, we'll begin with a roughly-chronological catalog of the 1980 mutilation reports. A brief description of each case will include the following elements, in this order:

(1) Under the groupings by month, the date of the mutilation-death, if known. If unknown, the date of discovery is used and, if the approximate time since death is estimated, it will be included in the summary; (2) Day of the week and time, if known; (3) State; (4) County for U.S. cases, provinces for Canada; (5) Location of site or area thereof, as best known, which may be no more than the name of the nearest town or settlement; (6) Name of animal owner victimized, if

known; (7) Description of victim animal; (8) List of body parts cut away and/or missing; (9) Any remaining details which are especially pertinent or revealing; (10) The informational source, except in those instances where confidentiality has been requested.

We are also including a map indicating the areas in the United States and southern Canada in which mutilations have been reported in 1980.

In our next edition (STIGMATA #13, Second Quarter 1981), we will be presenting more detailed accounts in which we will enlarge upon some of the more intriguing, representative and potentially important mutilation events of 1980. These will be classified geographically, by state or province.

We have undoubtedly missed some cases. But, as always, we ask our readers to advise us of any reports we do not include. And - since we rely heavily on our readers for information - please keep your eyes and ears open in 1981 and let us know if you hear of anything that might relate to the mutilation mystery.

January 1980

17th, Thursday

KANSAS - Atchison - south of Atchison - McCoy - bovine - dead several days - reproductive organs appeared "cut out with a sharp object" - ATCHISON DAILY GLOBE, 1-21-80.

19th, Saturday

KANSAS - Pottawatomie - near Flush - Evert - 2 cows - "at least one gunshot wound each" - udders and "back portions" cut off and removed from scene - HUTCHINSON NEWS (Kansas), 1-22-80.

February 1980

5th, Tuesday

KANSAS - Ellsworth - Trivoli township - Rush - 2 animals, Hereford bull and crossbreed Hereford cow - "bullet slug" found in each - jaw areas had been skinned and tongues "cut out" - mutilations confirmed by veterinarians - ELLSWORTH REPORTER, 2-14-80 and GREAT BEND TRIBUNE, 2-14-80.

1979 through February 1980

KANSAS - Atchison Co. - 25 reported mutilations during this period.

February 1980 (Cont.)

22nd, Friday

NORTH CAROLINA - Gaston - Gastonia area - Scott - 6-year-old palomino stallion, "Traveler" - found alive, though down in stall in boarding barn, with penis removed in unknown fashion - copious bleeding - horse died as vet & owner conducted on-scene examination (vet, in fact, injected lethal drug to end misery) - not known how stall entered - only stallion present though a number of mares were in the barn and unharmed - GASTONIA GAZETTE, 2-27-80.

March 1980

1st week

KANSAS - Ellsworth - near Holyrood - Lanzel - calf - tongue removed through lower jaw - one of 7 cases in county since August 1979 - GREAT BEND TRIBUNE (Kansas), 3-16-80.

23rd, Sunday

ILLINOIS - Cook - Park Ridge, suburban Chicago - in Cook County Forest Preserve - 6 decapitated chickens, 2 disemboweled goats, plus clothing and candles discovered at site - STIGMATA #11, p.16.

late March

CALIFORNIA - Riverside - near Hemet - Putnam - 800-lb. yearling horse, "Shiloh" - missing on a Sunday night; fully intact skeleton (except for one leg, removed and found nearby) found Tuesday - only hair and hide remaining was on lower legs, and horse was identified by its distinctive white "stockings" - no shreds or bits of meat on bones; no bugs or maggots - after several weeks, animals began gnawing on skeleton and dragging away some of the bones.

late March

SOUTH DAKOTA - Shannon - near Kyle - reported mute; no details.

30th, Sunday

COLORADO - Teller - Cripple Creek - Bauer - 9-month-old Arabian stallion - rectum gone; eye "clouded over" - CRIPPLE CREEK GOLD RUSH, 4-4-80, 4-11-80; ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS (Denver), 5-?-80; COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 4-8-80; Linda Howe, KMGH, Denver.

April 1980 (cont.)

April 1980 (cont.)

11th, Friday

SOUTH DAKOTA - Shannon - south of Rockyford - 200-lb. cow with rear end "cored out" - one ear cut off as if with a "dull knife" - no blood in evidence - 2" diameter ring on cheek, brownish color, as if burned. David Brewer, Bur. of Indian Affairs.

12th, Saturday

MASSACHUSETTS - Middlesex - Somerville - 7 cats, 2 dogs found in railroad yard - some burned - one dog beheaded, stake through head of the other - STIGMATA #11, p.16.

early to mid April

CANADA - ALBERTA - 10 km. NE of Oyen - Flaht - 3-year-old registered quarterhorse - genitals, left ear, left eye, tongue - fist-sized hole in chest - MEDICINE HAT NEWS (Alberta), 6-11-80.

21st, Monday

COLORADO - El Paso - near Ramah - Bohrer - horse, "Rebel" (14-year-old gelding) - rectum, "internal organs", right eyelid, part of right ear, 18" x 13" piece of hide between rear legs - penis "skinned" - ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS (Denver), 5-18-80; COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 4-26-80.

night of 24th-25th, Thursday-Friday

WASHINGTON - Pierce - near Graham - Bulldis - horse, "General" - penis removed with "sharp instrument"; horse survived; white powder found on ground at site - PIERCE COUNTY HERALD (Puyallup, Washington), 4-29-80.

25th, Friday

KANSAS - Russell - north of Bunker Hill - Prosser - 4-year-old cow - tongue, udder, lips, "other parts" taken; unconfirmed as a mutilation - RUSSELL DAILY NEWS, 4-25-80.

26th, Saturday

COLORADO - El Paso - south of Simla - Blake - 16-year-old quarterhorse stud, "Skip Easy Cash" - seen alive on April 21st - right ear, lower lip, strips of skin, scrotum - mucous and tissue surrounding right eye cut away, with eyeball itself remaining intact - also involved: helicopter; trees, one twisted, one scorched; abnormal radioactivity; fluorescence discovered on patch of hide and hair - GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, May 5, 12, June 6, 1980; Linda Howe, KMGH, Denver.

April 1980 (cont.)

28th, Monday

COLORADO - Mesa - 30 miles NW of Grand Junction - Young - Hereford heifer - anus, genitals, teats - throat slit vertically up to jaws, then peeled back; "all of the flesh was gone from the head" - wounds thought to be from gunshot or stabbing found on carcass - white substance on stomach and on ground - GRAND JUNCTION DAILY SENTINEL, 4-30-80; Investigator Bob Silva, Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

May 1980

4th, Sunday

COLORADO - Elbert - NE of Franktown - Evans - 3-year-old Hereford cow - rectum, teats, internal female organs - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

11th, Sunday

IOWA - Washington - near Keota - Waterhouse - 125-lb. Charolais bull calf - both eyes, tongue, scrotum & testicles - Iowa Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of Criminal Investigation; Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

12th, Monday

COLORADO - El Paso - north of Falcon - McCune - strange noises heard by neighbor who investigated but saw nothing; speculated he may have interrupted mute-in-progress as neighbor's cow found dead but uncut; rancher has had four mutilations since 1976 - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

sometime in May

COLORADO - El Paso - sheriff's deputy responded to woman's call; she watched a beam of light panning across her pasture and herd of cattle; upon arrival, deputy saw nothing - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

17th-18th, Saturday-Sunday

CANADA - ALBERTA - Acadia Valley, Oyen area - Chrusciel - 12-year-old cow - large circular area of skin removed from rear of animal near genitals; "real smooth" cut with "sharp instrument" - dead perhaps 4-5 days with no predator/scavenger damage - MEDICINE HAT NEWS (Alta.), 5-31-80; EDMONTON JOURNAL (Alta.), 6-4-80.

26th, Monday (approximate)

COLORADO - Elbert - NE of Simla - Richardson - 1-year-old steer

May 1980 (cont.)

26th, Monday

CANADA - ALBERTA - Acadia Valley, Oyen area - Spath/Gill - cow - tongue and windpipe cut out; part of hide-flesh on jaw cut away - evidence of shoulder hemorrhage - estimated killed during previous 1-2 days - MEDICINE HAT NEWS (Alta.), 5-31-80; EDMONTON JOURNAL, 6-4-80.

29th, Thursday (approximate)

COLORADO - Elbert - NE of Simla - Hamacher - one-year-old heifer - right ear, right eye, rectum, tail - fifth mute suffered by rancher since 1975(Sept.) - 4 miles east of Richardson mute site (see previous page) - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

31st, Saturday

COLORADO - Rio Blanco - NW of Meeker - Villa - cow - udder and surrounding hide "cut away", total area missing: approx. 1 ft. by 1½ ft. - found by pond - no tracks, no sign of struggle - MEEKER HERALD, 6-5-80.

June 1980

1st, Sunday

TEXAS - Lubbock - city of Lubbock - Furry - 2-year-old registered quarterhorse, "Go Lady Cat" - 3 inches of tongue cut out while horse in stable - severed part found next to stable entrance - horse survived but unknown whether still alive - LUBBOCK AVALANCHE JOURNAL, 6-2-80.

early June

WYOMING - Laramie - near Carpenter, Colorado border area - Murdock - 2 calves, separate incidents - "possibles" - ears "cut off" on one - described as "removed" on the other - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

10th, Tuesday

CANADA - MANITOBA - SW Manitoba - male calf - left ear, scrotum, testicles, tail, anus - pathologist indicated mutilation occurred after death, though action of predators/scavengers thought to be "unlikely" - STIGMATA #10, pp.21-22; Tommy R.Blann;Lewisville, TX.

13th, Friday

COLORADO - Elbert - near Kutch - Hartford Ranch - no details(Howe).

June 1980 (cont.)

13th, Friday

COLORADO - Elbert - SW of Deer Trail - Hageman/Monks - black white-faced steer - tongue, both ears, tail tassle, circle of hide on right hip - no blood or tracks - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

14th, Saturday

COLORADO - El Paso - near Ramah - Blasingame - 1000-lb. 6-yr.-old Hereford cow - rectum, 4 teats, right eye, one ear, skin around right eye - no tracks, blood or signs of predators/scavengers - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

mid-June

CANADA - ALBERTA - SE Alberta, near Montana border - calf - female park warden and her father found still-warm carcass in area inaccessible except by horseback - brisket had been "cleanly and surgically" removed with no blood exuding from wound - ground was soft with no tracks except the calf's - calf "appeared to have dropped in its tracks where it was found".

23rd, Monday

CANADA - ALBERTA - near Vermilion, east of Edmonton - Emsland - bull calf - tongue, one ear, anus, genitals - left shoulder removed down to ribs - still warm when found - veterinarian confirmed "unnatural death" and very little blood in carcass, though little or none on the ground - avoided by predators - W.K.Allan, T.A.Kwartel.

25th, Wednesday

COLORADO - Elbert-Lincoln - near Limon - Monks/Englert - 2-year-old Hereford female - left ear, left eye, tongue, rectum - 18" slit through hide parallel along ribs where heart should be - no blood in evidence - found near pond - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

26th, Thursday

COLORADO - El Paso - near Ramah - Eurich - 5-year-old Angus cow - rectum, 2 inches of tongue, left eye - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

June, date unknown

COLORADO - El Paso - near Rush - Divorce - cow, no details.

June, dates unknown

NEW MEXICO - Rio Arriba - Chama area - 3 cows reportedly mutilated - udder, rectum, tongue missing - Linda Howe; Gabe Valdez, NM St. Police.

June 1980 (cont.)

28th, Saturday

CANADA - ALBERTA - Acadia Valley, Oyen area - Shubert - heifer calf - apparent mutilation, no details except that carcass was found within a few kilometers of the May mutilation sites - MEDICINE HAT NEWS (Alberta), 7-23-80.

late June

WYOMING - Fremont - near Jeffrey City - heifer - udder removed - CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE; Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

July 1980

July, date unknown

CANADA - ALBERTA - near Kitscoty, east of Edmonton - Everest - 4-year-old Charolais crossbreed - missing parts not known - scuff marks "like a rope burn" on left hind leg - five burn marks "the size of silver dollars" on belly - dead 24 hours or less - fifty feet away were 3 evenly-spaced circles 3-ft. in diameter which appeared to have been burned - report: W.K. Allan; Kelowna, B.C.

16th, Wednesday

COLORADO - Park - near Kenosha Pass - Zachary - hikers and guide discover mutilated marmot - spread-eagled on rock with all four legs out straight - quarter-sized hole near armpit over heart as though made by "cookie cutter" - no blood - few flies but no maggots - according to guide, Zachary, rodents such as marmots will sometimes feed on and chew on their own kind, but no signs of scavenging - area (meadow) in which found used frequently by cattle - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

19th, Saturday

CANADA - ALBERTA - Bowell, NW of Medicine Hat - Rath - 3-year-old cow - genitals, teats, right ear "part of eye", part of tongue - two holes in neck 150 mm apart - MEDICINE HAT NEWS, 7-23-80.

28th, Monday

NEW MEXICO - Rio Arriba - near El Rito - Herrera - 6-month-old female cow - rectum gone - 2 "needle marks" underneath leg - apparent mutilation followed by predator damage - RIO GRANDE SUN; Espanola, New Mexico, 8-7-80; Linda Howe, KMGH-TV; Gabe Valdez, NM St. Police.

August 1980

6th, Wednesday

WASHINGTON - Pierce - near Eatonville - Houfburg - 6-month-old heifer - udder, genitals "neatly and bloodlessly removed" - dead 2-3 days - 23rd mutilation in county since 1975, but first bovine mute - TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE (Washington), 8-7-80.

7th, Thursday

CANADA - SASKATCHEWAN - Neudorf area - Mass - 1½-year-old bull - left ear, testicles, tongue - "internal carcass bloodless".

11th, Monday

NEW YORK - Yates - near Potter - Laffler, Castner - 6 lambs found dead - well over 100 sheep similarly killed on two farms in 1980 - some of the sheep have allegedly been drained of blood and all other bodily fluids including milk in the case of nursing ewes - FINGER LAKES TIMES (Geneva, NY), 8-12-80; report: Michael A. Hoffman.

26th, Tuesday

COLORADO - Weld - 15 miles SE of Briggsdale - Speaker - 600-lb. yearling steer - right ear, right cheek; hide section above eye, over ear and back to shoulder; part of lower lip - no tracks, except those of other cows - no predation - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

September 1980

2nd, Tuesday

COLORADO - Weld - west of Hereford, 3-4 miles south of Wyoming border - Frazier/Prewett - 6-year-old bull - found flat on back - missing: penis (not foreskin), both eyeballs, tongue, testicle - dead 1-2 days - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

5th, Saturday

COLORADO - Weld - between Hereford and Grover - UFO's: red & green airborne lights reported by two women and seen by deputies - Warren Air Force Base (Cheyenne, Wyoming) contacted but nothing noted on radar - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

5th or 6th, Saturday or Sunday

IOWA - Polk - near Granger - Steddon - 7-month-old Hereford-Limousin female calf - only genitals missing - DES MOINES REGISTER, 9-13-80.

September 1980 (cont.)

7th, Sunday

OREGON - Crook - near Paulina - Severance - cow - one eye, udder, uterus - attempted removal of heart - dead only a few hours - no blood, no tracks, no sign of struggle - CENTRAL OREGONIAN (Prineville, Oregon), 9-11-80.

11th, Thursday

COLORADO - Larimer - near Loveland and Big Thompson Canyon - Bateman - \$1,000 Angus heifer - rectum, genitals, tail - puncture wound in shoulder - no blood in evidence - COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE TELEGRAPH, 9-17-80; DENVER POST, 9-20-80; Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

16th, Tuesday

COLORADO - Weld - NW of Briggsdale - Ball - classically mutilated steer calf and, 1.5 miles further west, another calf, possibly mutilated - first calf: tongue, circle of hide on belly, tail tassle, part of rectum; 2 pencil-sized holes in neck; unidentified white substance found at site - second calf: one ear, all of tail, flesh from ankle - GREELEY TRIBUNE (Colo.), 9-18-80, 11-2-80; Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

22nd, Monday

WYOMING - Albany - 14 miles SW of Laramie - 800-lb, 1½-yr.-old pregnant heifer - flesh/hide on jaw and nose removed, also 4 teats; rectum cored - microscopic examination of hairs showed sharply-severed ends - evidence of some predation following mutilation - LARAMIE DAILY BOOMERANG, 9-24-80 and 10-15-80.

23rd, Tuesday

COLORADO - Jefferson - west of Littleton - an incident which, if it occurred as reported, could be of significant significance: the sighting of what appeared to be a "helicopter" which changed shape, to a "ball", then to a "square" object - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

25th, Thursday

SOUTH DAKOTA - Bennett - east of Allen - Riggs - 500-lb. Angus steer - genitals and large surrounding area removed with sharp instrument, not penetrating abdominal cavity - neck reported broken - large amount of blood still in carcass - BENNETT COUNTY BOOSTER (Martin, SD), 10-8-80; David Brewer, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

September 1980 (cont.)

26th, Friday

SOUTH DAKOTA - Bennett - east of Allen - Riggs - 450-lb. Angus heifer - mutilated "in a manner so identical (to the one found the previous day, 300-400 yards away) that it is difficult to determine any differences" - BENNETT COUNTY BOOSTER (Martin,SD), 10-8-80; David Brewer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge, SD.

September, date unknown

TEXAS - Bexar - farm in SE Bexar County - Snell - 50-lb. white Yorkshire shoat - heart, genitals removed - SAN ANTONIO LIGHT, 11-12-80; DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 11-13-80.

29th, Monday

COLORADO - Weld - south of Grover - McKinley - 4-year-old cow - right eye, right ear, half of ear-tag, hide around nose & jaw, tongue, udder, rectum, tail tassle, patch of hide under right front armpit - on Saturday night, the 27th, neighbor heard sound like helicopter, went out to look, but saw nothing - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV.

October 1980

1st, Wednesday

COLORADO - Washington - near Lindon - Scott - 9-year-old black Angus cow - had had calf in previous day or two - missing: entire udder, patch of hide, rectum - no blood or tracks - neighbor 3 miles SW heard dogs howling that night, which was out-of-the-ordinary, but Scott's dogs never barked - another of Scott's cows had been mutilated in 1977 - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

1st, Wednesday

COLORADO - Weld - 15 miles east & 2 miles south of Hereford - Harms - 450-lb., 5-month-old steer calf - rectum, genitals, both ears, hide on nose and between eyes - no blood, tracks or signs of a struggle - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

7th, Tuesday

MINNESOTA - Renville - SW of Olivia - Jansen - 2-year-old Holstein bull - genitals, right ear - left ear "cut on" but not removed - "sharp knife" used - TIMES-JOURNAL (Olivia,MN), 10-16-80.

8th, Wednesday

WASHINGTON - Franklin - Pasco - Marble - 4-month-old pet goat owned by veterinarian - head cut off & missing - goat alive at 8:30 AM, found 6:30 PM - TRI-CITY HERALD (Pasco,WA), 10-9-80.

October 1980 (cont.)

9th, Thursday

IOWA - Jones - near Anamosa - Stickle - 1000-lb. Hereford steer - genitals removed - Iowa Div. of Criminal Investigation rules natural causes/predation - the large Stickle cattle operation suffered over 25 similar mutilations on 2 farms in 1975 - DES MOINES REGISTER, 10-10-80; ANAMOSA JOURNAL-EUREKA (Anamosa, IA), 10-15&11-12-80.

10th, Friday

COLORADO - Adams - Westminster - Uevelhoer - horse - evidence suggesting some predator/scavenger activity - but rectum removed via apparently cylindrical cut - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

mid-to-late October, date unknown

OHIO - Harrison - Tippecanoe area - Dunlap - 250-lb. bull calf - tongue, right eye, hide from upper and lower jaws - no tracks or signs of struggle - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

mid-to-late October, date unknown

OHIO - Harrison - Tippecanoe area - Cutlip - 120-lb. bull calf - tongue, both ears - found same day as Dunlap's - Linda Howe, KMGH.

mid-to-late October, date unknown

OHIO - Harrison - Tippecanoe area - Andregg - 400-lb. Holstein heifer - tongue, right eye, rectum, genitals - carcass untouched by animals after laying out for a week - found about 2 days after Dunlap/Cutlip cases - unconfirmed report of fourth mutilation about 20 miles away around this time - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

18th, Saturday

CANADA - SASKATCHEWAN - Dubuc area - Kulcsar - 6-year-old black Angus cow - anus, right ear, all teats - no blood in evidence externally or internally when carcass opened - dead 1-2 days - carcass avoided by predators & scavengers.

21st, Tuesday

CALIFORNIA - San Mateo - city of San Mateo - owner unknown - four sheep killed by what appeared to be "rough axe" blows to the throat - killed and bled elsewhere - the 4 carcasses were laid out in "a perfect square, at the center of which were placed intestines" - SAN MATEO TIMES, 10-22-80.

October 1980 (cont.)...

October 1980 (cont.)

26th, Sunday

TEXAS - Cameron - Laguna Vista - Heath - 1100-lb. Charolais bull - tongue removed - heart removed via 6-inch cavity in shoulder area - only tracks on wet ground were those of the bull's - DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 11-8-80; SAN ANTONIO NEWS, 10-29-80; SAN ANTONIO LIGHT, 11-1-80.

27th, Monday

ARIZONA - Apache - near Springerville - Bahr - bull - part of genitals, 3 nipples - 3" diameter hole in rectal area - carcass burned on several areas as though "partially cooked in an oven" - unaccounted-for beam of light swept over valley on 24th or 25th - helicopter flew directly over mute site on the 29th - Larry Fawcett, Center for UFO Studies; Richard Rogers, Mary Mitscher.

October, date unknown

ENGLAND - Dudley - 3-year-old pet Shetland pony owned by Anslow family - thought strangled with halter, then unspecified parts cut away with knife - EXPRESS & STAR (city unknown), 11-1-80.

October, last week

INDIANA - Greene - near Owensburg - owner unknown - cow - 4-inch-diameter round hole in carcass - possible mutilation - Larry Fawcett, Center for UFO Studies; Jade Butcher.

31st, Friday

TEXAS - Starr - east of Rio Grande City - Lopez - Brahma cow - udder, tongue, rectum, heart - no blood or tracks - DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 11-1-80, 11-8-80; MCALLEN MONITOR (TX), 11-2-80.

November 1980

around first of the month

IOWA - Mahaska - New Sharon area - Ferguson/Smith - 2 hunting dogs found on same farm about 1½ weeks apart - hindquarters "torn off" of one dog - the head of the other was "crushed", the neck broken and there were "holes in its side" - not "classic" mutes, apparently, though much varied activity has been reported in Iowa in the last couple of years - something large, "just possibly" a bear suspected in this case, though none have been known in Iowa in a century - OSKALOOSA HERALD (Oskaloosa, Iowa), Nov.?, 1980 (second week).

November 1980 (cont.)

7th, Friday

TEXAS - Deaf Smith - Hereford area - Lemons - 700-lb. heifer - one eyelid, tongue, two teats, heart (removed through 8-inch circular hole in shoulder) - some entrails were removed and "lay in a neat little pile right beside the cow" - rendering plant owner: "There is no animal that exists that could have done what was done to that cow". - DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 11-8-80; DALLAS TIMES HERALD, 11-9-80.

8th, Saturday

IOWA - Lucas - 4 miles north of Chariton - Probasco - prize cow valued at \$1300 - "left eye alone was cut out" - OTTUMWA (Iowa) COURIER, 11-22-80; DESMOINES REGISTER, 11-22-80; CHARITON (Iowa) LEADER, 11-25-80.

November, second week

TEXAS - Webb - south of Encinal - Middleton - 5-year-old whiteface bull - part of penis removed, plus circular piece of hide taken from belly - Harper Turberville, ranch foreman.

12th, Wednesday

TEXAS - Cameron - near Santa Rosa (NW Cameron Co.) - bull calf - genitals, anal spincter removed - Bill Heath.

November, first half

ARKANSAS - Faulkner - 2 miles west of Greenbrier - Harrington - 2 animals found in same pasture: 800-lb. cow (tongue "apparently cut out") and 400-lb. calf (tongue, left eye missing) - both appeared to have died the previous night - victim: sheriff's brother in-law - LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT (Conway, Arkansas), 11-14-80.

19th, Wednesday

IOWA - Lucas - 7 miles north of Chariton - Seuferer - \$500 Jersey cow, 4-H Grand Champion - left eye missing - 4 nipples cut off with "a very sharp instrument" - vet thought animal shot in eye; family heard no gunshots - OTTUMWA (Iowa) COURIER, 11-22-80; DES MOINES REGISTER, 11-22-80; CHARITON (Iowa) LEADER, 11-25-80.

24th, Monday

MISSOURI - Buchanan - south of St. Joseph - VanHoozer - calf mutilated in feed lot; no details; KANSAS CITY TIMES, 12-6-80.

December 1980

4th, Thursday

MISSOURI - Buchanan - south of St. Joseph - VanHoozer - 350-lb. heifer in feed lot where mutilation occurred at end of November - ear cut off - apparent "cult" activity had been reported in this area (see STIGMATA no. 11, pp. 13-14) - southern Buchanan County adjoins Atchison County, Kansas, scene of numerous mutilation reports (see STIGMATA no. 10, p. 22) - KANSAS CITY TIMES, 12-6-80.

5th, Friday

COLORADO - Weld - near Black Hollow Reservoir - deer carcass discovered by two hunters - tongue taken out from "deep" in throat - eyes gone - head cut opened, brains taken - large triangular cut on side - rectum, genitals gone - 8-inch hole in stomach area - the hunters thought mutilation occurred followed by predation/scavenging - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

29th, Monday morning

NORTH CAROLINA - Union - 3 animal carcasses found in a creek, 10 feet from each other - goat: decapitated - sheep: dead but "perfectly preserved"; temperature cold, thin partial coat of ice on carcass - pig: "dismembered" (details not known) - Anna Sensenbrenner, ENQUIRER-JOURNAL; Monroe, North Carolina.

ADDITIONS: TWO CASES INADVERTENTLY NOT INCLUDED IN CHRONOLOGY:

May 1980

26th, Monday

COLORADO - Weld - approx. 19 miles north of New Raymer - Younglund-five cows lying in "straight" line along 1.5 miles of section line - one dead of larkspur poisoning and obviously fed upon by animals - other 4 mutilated unnaturally - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

mid-June 1980

WYOMING - Laramie - between Carpenter, Wyo. & Hereford, Colo. - Smith-6-month-old steer calf - ears cut off; confirmed by deputy - estimated dead one week - neighbor saw unexplained flashing red lights around time of death - Linda Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver.

As mentioned in the introduction to our list of 1980 mutilations, we depend heavily on our readers for information. Without our little informal network such a catalog of reports would be realized with difficulty and would be hopelessly incomplete. We want to thank the following people for information they provided for this issue (and for the details which will follow in our next edition) and if anyone is left out, we apologize in advance:

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There is much more to some of these cases than we have been able to summarize here, and we'll explore as many of the intriguing details as space permits in our next issue.

SCIENTIFIC PROCEDURES FOR MUTILATION SAMPLES

by Tommy Roy Blann

SAMPLE-GATHERING TECHNIQUES: It is best to obtain the samples as quickly as possible due to deterioration processes and contamination factors. The sample should be obtained within a 24-hour period at the maximum. A half-inch depth section and no thicker should be procured by removing the entire wound area by starting a couple of inches from the wound at a ½" depth and cutting the entire area out making a circular incision. This should immediately be placed in a 10% solution of formaldehyde and capped off. Such a sample can be stored for several years. Other samples such as the kidneys, liver, heart and lungs as well as sections of the brain should be placed in plastic bags and kept on ice and immediately analyzed for toxins and bacteria, etc.

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Blood samples are to be procured in the following manner: For every 5 cc's of blood drawn out with a syringe, one drop of EDTA (anticoagulant) should be mixed with it. Some will recommend Heparin, another anticoagulant, but Heparin will destroy the red blood cell morphology. After the blood sample has been mixed and placed in a test tube and capped off and tightly sealed, it should then be placed in some melting ice to keep it cool. Do not freeze it! It should then be analyzed as soon as possible.

BLOOD TESTS: Normal tranquilizers, narcotics, bacteriology, virology.

KIDNEYS AND LIVER: Normal tranquilizers, narcotics, toxins.

WOUND TESTS: Microscopic examination of laceration edge, preparation of microtone slices from laceration edge, radiological analyses.

UNKNOWN RESIDUES AND LIQUIDS: Atomic absorption, neutron-activation, IR-spectro, gas chromatography and liquid chromatography, radiological (scaler-ratemeter and radioactivation analysis).

SAMPLE GATHERING EQUIPMENT: All equipment such as scalpels, test tubes, plastic bags, etc. should be sterile.

COLOR PHOTO DOCUMENTATION: Whenever an animal is suspected of being mutilated, a number of color photographs should be taken of the suspected cut or burned area. Photos showing the entire animal and surrounding terrain from several angles should be taken. Next, a series of photographs should be made very close to the suspected wound, where the cut tissue will show very clearly, usually at a distance of 18 inches. Such photo documentation is extremely important in combination with sample gathering techniques. Any unusual disturbances in the surrounding soil should also be photographed at a very close distance as well as taking plaster casts if the situation warrants it.

INVESTIGATIONAL TECHNIQUES: Make absolutely sure that the suspected cut area was not done by predators and scavengers. In most instances, the areas will appear to be smoothly cut from a distance but closer inspection will show ragged edges and serrated tooth marks on the suspected laceration edge of tissue. The most common areas attacked are the eyes, tongue, udder, reproductive organs and anus. Check the ground around the animal very carefully. Just because the ground shows no tracks doesn't mean predators and scavengers have not been there. It depends upon the condition of the

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soil and remembering that some scavengers are birds that can fly. Just because it looks neat and not messy does not mean that it was not the work of predators and scavengers. Some predators and scavengers are neat and very meticulous in their eating habits.

If the animal is dead for more than 24 hours, there is a good chance that maggots and blowflies have started their masquerading job on the wound. They can make the wound look very smooth and clean-looking. The only way is to examine the tissue microscopically.

Don't holler "mutilation" unless you are absolutely convinced that's what it is, AND DON'T SPECULATE. Speculation brings forth more speculation in the news media until the thing gets out of hand AND THE SPECULATION BECOMES FACT. AND DON'T SPECULATE TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND THEN THROW THE CARCASS AWAY TO DETERIORATE. Let's get some scientific facts.

TIDBITS

FOLLOW-UP: In the previous STIGMATA (#11), we presented a report on "The Cult Connection" to the mutilation phenomenon. No sooner had that issue been published than a wire service newspaper item (UPI, 11-18-80) appeared, headlined, "2 Cubans Shot After Cult Rite". It stated, "Two Cuban refugees were shot and killed Monday following a mass by believers in Santeria (ed.note: a cult discussed in our report), a bizarre Caribbean religious cult which uses dead animals and blood in its rituals". However, police speculated that the slayings, which occurred in Miami, Florida, ~~were~~ not directly related to cult activities.....Some readers undoubtedly noted a curiously coincidental(?) similarity among some of the names of the horses which were mutilated in 1980 and are included in our chronology: "Shiloh"(California), "Traveler"(North Carolina), "Rebel"(Colorado) and "General"(Washington St.)-all bringing to mind not only the Civil War, but General Robert E. Lee in particular(his horse was named "Traveler")......The 12th annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network will be held July 24-26, 1981 and will feature, among other things, a workshop session on the subject of mutilations.....The on-again, off-again LIFE Magazine article on mutes is off again, this time firmly so.....PROJECT STIGMA IS SEEKING PHOTOS OF MUTILATED ANIMALS, FOR WHICH WE WILL BUY OR TRADE ONE-FOR-ONE. THE MORE DETAILED, THE BETTER - IF YOU HAVE ANY, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

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